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C O N F I D E N T I A L KHARTOUM 1088

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PORG, SU, XF
SUBJ: ARAB LEAGUE MEETING IN KHARTOUM

1. STATE MINISTER FOR EGYPTIAN AFFAIRS IZZ EL DIN HAMID
CONFIRMED TO EMBOFF THAT NIMEIRI HAS CALLED FOR ARAB SUMMIT
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MEETING TO BE HELD IN KHARTOUM SOMETIME BEFORE JULY OAU
MEETINGS HERE. PURPOSE OF SUMMIT WOULD BE TO STRENGTHEN
ARAB UNITY. NIMEIRI WAS QUOTED IN AL-AYAM MARCH 9 THAT HE
HOPES SADAT AND ASSAD WILL PARTICIPATE IN SUMMIT HERE.
2. HE ADDED THAT BOTH EGYPT AND SAUDI ARABIA HAD RESPONDED
POSITIVELY TO SUDAN'S RECONCILIATION WITH LIBYA AND HE
HOPED THIS WOULD LEAD TO STRENGTHENING RELATIONS BETWEEN

LIBYA AND EGYPT. HE ALSO HOPED THERE WOULD BE RECONCILIATION BETWEEN EGYPT AND SYRIA. ACCORDING AL-AYAM, NIMEIRI PRAISED SADAT'S PEACE INITIATIVES FOR THE MIDDLE EAST AND EFFORTS OF U.S. ENVOY ATHERTON IN SUPPORT OF THESE INITIATIVES. HE CALLED FOR PATIENCE BY ARABS. NIMEIRI CALLED ON USSR TO WITHDRAW FROM HORN OF AFRICA AND SAID SAUDI ARABIA IS WORKING ON THIS OBJECTIVE.

3. IN RELATED DEVELOPMENT, SUDAN GAVE ARAB LEAGUE ON FEBRUARY 11 MEMORANDUM WITH AGENDA ITEMS FOR ARAB LEAGUE COUNCIL MEETING WHICH IS SCHEDULED FOR CAIRO MARCH 27. ACCORDING SUNA MARCH 11, MEMORANDUM ON ARAB SOLIDARITY, RED SEA SECURITY AND FOREIGN INTERFERENCE IN HORN OF AFRICA WAS CIRCULATED MARCH 10 TO ALL ARAB LEAGUE MEMBERS. ON ARAB SOLIDARITY, SUDAN MEMORANDUM CALLS FOR FLEXIBILITY AND SELF-RESTRAINT IN DISCUSSING DISPUTES BETWEEN COUNTRIES. DISPUTES ARISE FROM DIFFERENCES IN APPROACH AND NOT IN OBJECTIVES OR STRATEGY, ACCORDING MEMORANDUM, WHICH PROPOSES "OBJECTIVE DIALOGUE" AS SOLUTION FOR RESTORATION OF ARAB UNITY. ON RED SEA SECURITY AND ON FOREIGN INTERFERENCE IN HORN OF AFRICA, SUDAN'S MEMORANDUM WARNS THAT CONFLICT OF "INTERNATIONAL GREED" FOR "VAST ARAB RESOURCES" ENDANGERS SECURITY OF ARAB COUNTRIES ESPECIALLY RED SEA LITTORAL STATES AS WELL AS WORLD PEACE.

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